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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 897
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A RESOLUTION to commemorate the life of John Rust Collier, Sr.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should commemorate those distinguished Tennesseans who have died; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person was John Rust Collier, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Collier was born on August 12, 1915, to Joe and Jennie Rust Collier; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by the lovely Elma Elizabeth Brewer Collier, his devoted wife of 47 years; and

WHEREAS, John Collier graduated from high school in Warren County, and hence served his country in the Army during World War II; and

WHEREAS, a true survivor and warrior, Mr. Collier was wounded overseas during World War II, but triumphantly returned home to work with the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) as an area supervisor; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Collier was also a deeply religious man; he used his faith to guide him in his daily business affairs; he was spiritually nurtured at First United Methodist Church in McMinnville; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Collier is best remembered by his friends as a lifelong Democrat, who offered great support to the party, and as the founder of the Pleasant Cove Nursery in the late 1950s, a legacy which was passed on to his sons when they became of age; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Collier's memory will be carried forth by his four sons: John Jr., Robert, Franklin, and David, along with five grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor the memory of Mr. John Rust Collier, Sr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character, his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction, and for his many selfless contributions to his community and the state of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Collier.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.